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COLLAGEN MUTANT

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COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO AUGUST 13, 2003 OFFICE ACTION

In response to the restriction requirement dated August 13, 2003, applicants hereby elects the claims designated group I (claims 1-5) with traverse. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the restriction request. Applicant asserts that it would not be unduly burdensome to search and examine the additional claims, particularly those of group II (claims 6-13).

No fee is deemed necessary for the filing of this Communication. However, if any fee is required, applicants hereby authorize any such fee to be charged to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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